

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 8 through 11 and 13 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 6, and 12 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing system including first and second devices,

wherein said first device comprises transmission means for transmitting one request which designates a plurality of data storage areas in said first device to said second device,

wherein said second device comprises completion notifying means for notifying said first device of completion of a data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in said first device, and

wherein said first device further comprises update means for not updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has not been completed but updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has been completed, in accordance with the notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas, ~~said transmission means transmits one request which designates a data storage area, a data communication of for which is not complete, and a new data storage area for the data storage area, the data communication of for which is complete, to said second device.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A communication method between two devices, comprising:

a transmission step of transmitting from the first device to said second device one request which designates a plurality of data storage areas in the first device;

a completion notifying step of the second device notifying the first device of completion when a data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in the first device designated by the request is complete; and

~~a notification-transmission step of, in accordance with the notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in the first device, notifying transmitting one request which designates a data storage area, a data communication of for which is not complete, and a new data storage area for the data storage area, the data communication of for which is complete~~ not updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has not been completed but updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has been completed.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the two devices are connected via a communication control bus complying with IEEE1394.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the transmission step includes a step of transmitting a request block which contains a plurality of pieces of

identification information respectively indicating the plurality of data storage areas, and commands respectively for the plurality of data storage areas.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising a data communication step of writing data on the data storage area designated by the request or reading data from the data storage area designated by the request.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus which can communicate with another device, comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits one request which designates a plurality of data storage areas in said apparatus;

a unit that receives, from the other device, a completion message indicating completion of a data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in said apparatus; and

~~a unit that transmits, on the basis of the completion message, one request which designates a data storage area, a data communication of for which is not complete, and a new data storage area for the data storage area, the data communication of for which is complete~~

a unit that does not update the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has not been completed but updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has been completed, in accordance with the notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in said apparatus.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said transmission unit transmits a request block which contain a plurality of pieces of identification information respectively indicating the plurality of data storage areas, and commands respectively for the plurality of data storage areas.

8 - 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A communication method in an information processing apparatus which can communicate with another device, comprising:

transmitting one request which designates a plurality of data storage areas in said apparatus to the other device;

receiving, from the other device, a completion message indicating completion of a data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in said apparatus; and

~~transmitting, on the basis of the completion message, one request which designates a data storage area, a data communication of for which is not complete, and a new data storage area for the data storage area, the data communication of for which is complete~~

not updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has not been completed but updating the one of the plurality of data storage areas for which the data communication has been completed, in accordance with the notification of completion of the data communication for one of the plurality of data storage areas in said apparatus.

13. (Cancelled)